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MEMBERS SAT ON SATURDAY

ROUTINE BUSINESS WAS DISPOSED OF

Private Bills Were Advanced and Several Disposed Of--Immigra- tion Bill Third Reading.

The legislature sitting on Saturday devoted the greater part of the afternoon and the evening to consideration of private bills, so that the business has now been well advanced. Several interesting debates resulted, but for the most part the proceedings were largely of a routine character.

The immigration bill passed its third reading after being amended so as to make the educational test to which immigrants should be subjected that of ability to write out and sign the declaration in the English language, the original bill making it compulsory that it should be in the English language.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

Upon the House assembling on Saturday afternoon, the Speaker was not present and it became necessary to elect an acting Speaker. On motion of Hon. R. G. Tallow, seconded by Hon. H. E. Young, Price Ellison was elected acting Speaker and took the chair amid applause.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie.

The private bills committee reported the preamble of the bill respecting the consolidation of the leases held by the Cariboo Gold Mining Company.

The report was received.

Mr. McInnis asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. Is it the intention of the government to build a new wagon road between Hartford Junction and Phoenix?
2. If so, when?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

"1. Not at present, but the matter will be carefully inquired into."

"2. Answered by reply to question 1."

On the third reading of the bill to incorporate the British Columbia and Pacific Railway Company, J. E. Garden proposed an amendment upon the order paper by A. H. B. Macgowan, by which it was proposed to alter the gauge from that of four feet and one-half inches to standard or narrow gauge and which is a motive power.

Mr. Garden asked to have the rules suspended and the amendment introduced.

John Oliver objected to this and pointed out that the motion should be recommended. He said that it was an important matter and he wanted to look into it.

The bill was allowed to stand over until the next sitting.

Incorporates Companies.

The bill to incorporate the Goldstream Telephone Company passed its third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Cariboo and Pacific Mining, Smelting and Development Company passed its third reading.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved upon the motion for the third reading of the bill to incorporate the British Columbia and Pacific Railway Company, that the bill be referred back to committee to consider the following amendment:

To strike out section 25 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"The company shall, upon the coming into force of this act, deposit with the Minister of Finance and Agriculture the sum of ten thousand dollars, either in cash or securities approved by said minister, as security that the company will expend not less than twenty thousand dollars in the construction of the railway hereby authorized to be built, before the 31st December, 1907, and in default of such expenditure the aforesaid deposit of money or securities shall be forfeited to and become the property of the government, and should such security be not deposited as aforesaid, or should such expenditure not be made within such time, all the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be null and void."

Mr. Bowser said that this amendment had been turned down by the House in connection with all the other railway bills. It should not be introduced into this bill making it differ from the others.

The amendment was lost, the report adopted and the bill passed its third reading.

The bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation bill was again considered in adjourned committee.

The bill was reported.

The bill respecting Slough Creek, Ltd., was committed with Fred Davey in the chair.

The bill was reported.

The bill to incorporate the Telipnean Light and Power Company was committed with John Jardine in the chair.

The bill was reported.

The bill to incorporate the Imperial Underwriters Corporation was given its second reading.

The bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act was re-committed.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to make it possible to have names of voters transferred from one list to another within ten days of an election instead of 30 days, as formerly.

This carried and the bill was reported.

Regulating Immigration.

The bill to regulate immigration into

British Columbia was committed with J. Hunter in the chair.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to amend section 4 by making the educational test that the immigrant should be able to understand a language of Europe. It was not desirable that persons from northern Europe should be shut out.

Mr. Bowser accepted the amendment and it carried.

The committee rose and reported the bill.

The bill to amend the Companies Act Amendment Act, 1904, was committed with Dr. Hall in the chair.

The bill was reported.

With Neil F. Mackay in the chair the bill to amend the Official Surveyors' Act was considered in committee and reported.

The bill respecting ditches and water courses was committed with W. Ross in the chair. A number of amendments were introduced by Mr. Oliver, after which the committee rose.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Pharmacy Act, Neil Mackay said that the only new section was that which provided that existing joint stock companies should be allowed to do business, but new ones should have majority of the shareholders licentiate in pharmacy.

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FLOATED LOANS FOR JAPANESE

MONEY SECURED IN LONDON AND PARIS

Financier Says His Country Has No Difficulty In Securing Funds Abroad.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, April 22.—Koreka Takahashi, the Japanese financier who has just completed his mission of floating loans aggregating \$15,000,000 in London and Paris to redeem the war bonds of Japan, arrived here on his way home yesterday.

Talking of his work in London and Paris last night, Mr. Takahashi said the loan floated abroad are mostly held by London bankers, the stringency of money in Paris being chiefly responsible for this fact. Japan will pay five per cent for this money, which will be used in redeeming the six per cent bonds issued during the war. No difficulty is now encountered by the Japanese in raising money. Her credit has been unquestioned since her achievements in the war and foreign capital is daily pouring into her increased amounts.

"The United States bought about \$60,000,000 of the war bonds, but has contributed little or no capital for investment in Japan since," said Mr. Takahashi. "The reason for this is patent; men with money in the United States can get bigger returns for it here than anywhere else, and they do not have to go abroad to seek investment. Japan will probably attract very little American capital while the present prosperity continues in the United States. Just now she is getting most of her foreign capital from England."

HIS LIFE IN DANGER.

(Associated Press.)

Sebastopol, April 22.—The petitions for the transfer of General Neufeldt, commander of the fortress here, to some other command, have resulted in his appointment to command Koyne fortress, but the revolutionary committee declares that the general will never leave Sebastopol alive.

PRELIMINARY HEARING HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Conflicting Stories Told By Suspect in Spring Ridge Tragedy.

A large crowd gathered in the police court this morning in expectation of gathering gruesome details of the tragedy which took place on North road last week, but were disappointed.

The inquest will be held by Dr. Hart at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is more than probable that as a result of this McKay will be held for murder. The first hearing will be to-morrow morning. Chief Langley intends to prefer this charge when the case comes up to-morrow. The examination by the city health officer, Dr. Herman Robertson, failed to disclose a fracture, although the congestion of the brain which resulted from the beating he received caused the old man's death. Dr. Robertson said that he did not come back until the case came up for trial.

Since his arrest McKay has told several conflicting stories to the police. When arrested he said that he was at the Spring Ridge on the night of the tragedy at 12 o'clock. His shipmates, however, said that he did not come back until 4:30 o'clock the following morning.

Mrs. Cowgill still sticks to her story that she has asked McKay. The authorities think she was present during the whole tragedy, and it is probable that she will ultimately be held with McKay, or at least as an accessory after the fact.

John Osborne, a friend of the deceased, will take charge of the funeral, which takes place to-morrow afternoon from Hanna's undertaking parlors to Ross Bay cemetery.

MACGOWAN OPENLY DEFIES GOVERNMENT

Scores Them Roundly for Their Actions This Session and Returns to Vancouver in Disgust

A. H. B. Macgowan, after a long session with the government, which covered the period of the election campaign is again out in open rebellion. He left Vancouver on Saturday night for the Terminal City without asking a pair, and in fact desires that no pair be given. To friends he said he would not return during the remainder of the session.

Interviewed this morning in Vancouver, he said:

"The session just closing has been the most barren of good to the country that could possibly be imagined. It is disgusting to think that forty-five white men should be called upon to lose seven weeks in doing nothing. The estimates were passed. They ran from an excess of districts represented by Conservatives who might be expected to show independence, down to the reverse to districts represented by opponents of the government."

"There was the usual amount of amending, really mending our statutes more difficult of interpretation. Where before you would need one or two lawyers to interpret, you need now many more."

"A timber bill pushed on the House, much against the wishes of the best element of the Conservative party, had practically to be withdrawn."

"The university bill should have been knocked out, and could readily have been if Vancouver men had willed it. When it was hastily presented I was led to believe that it was in line with working being done in Vancouver, and agreeable to our board of control as well as to McGill."

"Later I found my mistake and hastened to impress my colleagues with the fact, but to no avail. They were all good party men and seemed anxious to do homage to the member for Allyn. The bill was being forced through by opponents of Vancouver's interests."

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CHECK TO A LAWYER WHO KNEW IT ALL

John Oliver Showed He Knew More About Interpreting Statutes Than W. J. Bowser Did

The legislation introduced by the government during the present session has shown the most slipshod method in preparation. None of it has shown that there was any care exercised before it reached the House.

In most instances it has been whipped into something like shape in committee, and the government has accepted the suggestions of the opposition often in an indirect way.

This was true of the University Endowment bill, but owing to the fact that the government would not accept the amendments of the leader of the opposition, but attempted to substitute counterfeits, the act as it goes into effect will according to many be practically unworkable.

On Saturday night another bill which while not a government measure, was a public bill introduced by a government supporter, Neil F. Mackay, showing glaring defects in preparation. W. J. Bowser came to the rescue of Mr. Mackay in putting the bill through, and because John Oliver offered criticisms the senior member for Vancouver became rather abusive.

He sarcastically dealt with Mr. Oliver intimating that the trouble with the member for Delta was that he thought he knew all about every subject brought up. He reminded the House that he was a lawyer, and as such his opinion must of necessity carry more weight than that of Mr. Oliver. He insisted in fact that Mr. Oliver should be ashamed of himself to put forward his interpretation of laws in opposition to Mr. Bowser.

Anyone who knows Mr. Oliver is aware of the fact that he never attempts to discuss a subject without being well informed on it. When he therefore, turned on Mr. Bowser and told that member that he might be a great lawyer and might know all about law, but he could not claim to have a monopoly of the common sense of the House, the members knew that Mr. Bowser would receive a good dressing down, and he did.

Mr. Oliver said: "We will just see how much the first member for Vancouver knows about law." He then proceeded to show what that member was attempting to do. It was to amend section 16 of the Pharmacy Act, which reads as follows:

"No person shall within the limits of any incorporated city or town in this province keep open shops for the retailing, dispensing or compounding of poisons or sell or attempt to sell any of the articles mentioned in schedule A or schedule B to this act unless such person is registered as a licentiate of pharmacy under this act under the penalty set forth in section 20 in the act. A certified clerk may under the provisions of this act compound prescriptions or sell poisonous drugs or chemicals while acting in that capacity."

It was proposed to strike out the final sentence in this section by the amendment which Mr. Bowser pressed for. If this had been done a certified clerk would not have been able to compound prescriptions and sell poisonous drugs.

Mr. Oliver then showed that in the preceding section of the bill the following had been passed:

"It shall be unlawful for a certified apprentice to compound prescriptions, or sell poisonous drugs or chemicals, unless under the direct supervision of a licentiate of pharmacy or certified clerk."

Mr. Oliver pointed out that a certified clerk was to be given the ridiculous privilege of supervising an apprentice in compounding and yet at the same time he would be precluded from doing that himself.

The laugh was turned on Mr. Bowser

NEW VESSEL IS BEING BUILT

FOR AUSTRALIAN CANADIAN SERVICE

The steamship Mirama, now under construction at Greenock at the yards of Caird & Co., the famous builders of the P. & O. steamships, for the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, will be placed in service between British Columbia and Sydney, Australia, next spring. The Mirama, which is a vessel of 6,500 gross tonnage, is being constructed with special attention to the requirements of passenger service between Victoria, Vancouver and Australia, and she will be thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect.

When the Mirama is commissioned she will undoubtedly reduce the time between this coast and Sydney, as she is guaranteed to steam sixteen and a half knots when loaded to full capacity. The best time now made is less than fourteen knots, though the steamship Moana, one of the three vessels on the run at present, is capable of reefing off knots. The new steamship will have triple-expansion engines and she will have twin screws.

The general dimensions of the Mirama are: Length 420 feet, beam 53 feet and moulded depth 32 feet. Although essentially a first-class passenger vessel she will have accommodation for between 3,000 and 4,000 tons of cargo, which is about twice the amount any of the steamships now on the route can handle.

A feature of the passenger accommodation of the Mirama will be a very large number of staterooms and double berth staterooms. The requirements of the passenger traffic between this coast and the Antipodes, as learned by years of experience, are fully recognized by the Union Steamship Company, and many new features, which add to the comfort of passengers, will be included in the new steamship.

Owing to the great growth in perishable freight traffic between Canada and Australia the Mirama is being equipped with large cold storage quarters. She will have 500 cubic feet of cold storage space, one large 500-cubic-foot and one small, and the total capacity of these vaults will be 350 tons.

Capt. Gibb, master of the steamship Moana, now in Vancouver, will take the Mirama over from her builders and navigate her to Australia. He will leave Sydney for England on her return of the Moana to the Australian port. Next spring the new steamship will make her initial voyage to Victoria.

FEAR FRANCHISE IS STILL MENACED

Mayor Believes Citizens Must Still Be on Their Guard.

Mayor Morley is once more troubled about the possibility which still exists of the franchise being curtailed before the legislature closes. It is announced that Mr. Behnken has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill to curtail the franchise in Victoria. When seen this morning, the mayor said:

"It will be necessary for the friends of universal franchise to keep their eyes open on the legislation which they believe and rightly believe to be inimical to the best interests of the city will be introduced through the House."

"It is a matter of considerable astonishment that after the action of the committee in turning down the original bill that the matter should be again brought up. It indicates a determined effort on the part of the property-owners' association to overthrow that new bulwark of purity which has so lately been established."

It is probable that immediate steps will be taken to watch proceedings and that the opponents of the present franchise from stealing a march on the citizens at large.

"I do not believe," said the mayor this morning, "that after the convincing way the matter was put to them last week they would dare to introduce legislation at this late date which they cannot but know the great majority of the citizens do not want. But external vigilance is the price of safety and we shall be ready for any move they may make."

CLERK IN TROUBLE.

Alleged to Have Taken Railway Bonds to Value of Quarter of Million Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 22.—The shortage in the accounts of W. O. Douglas, assistant loan clerk of the Trust Company of North America, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing \$250,000 in bonds from the institution, may reach a quarter of a million dollars, Douglas is said to have confessed to Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company, at the time of his arrest, that he had made away with \$250,000 in bonds, and to-day it was reported that he had made a written confession to Mr. Thorne, in which he admitted that the total value of bonds taken by him would reach \$250,000.

The bonds are said to have been turned over to a Wall street broker, who is believed to have acted for Douglas in good faith.

It was reported also that the arrest of Douglas is expected to be followed by the arrest of another man who registered for Douglas at the Hotel Portland, and in West Forty-seventh street as "W. R. Gray" and wife, Boswell. It was at this hotel that Douglas was arrested yesterday on the specific charge of stealing Rock Island bonds valued at \$20,000. The man who had registered as Gray disappeared just before the arrest was made.

SHOT BY ROBBERS.

Legs Made an Effort to Secure his Pistol, when the man with the gun fired upon him, four shots being exchanged. Leggs was shot today while out riding. His horse slipped on the pavement and fell upon its rider.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON HOLIDAY WANTED

Clerks Demanded It in Lieu of Wed- nesday-- One Firm Only Is Holding Out.

The retail clerks, drivers and employees generally, hold a session this evening at which important action will be taken. It is stated that the proposal to establish a Wednesday half holiday will be abandoned. Instead it has been resolved to demand and insist upon a Saturday half holiday, commencing at one p. m. in lieu of the half day the clerks are willing to remain on duty Friday evening until 8:30 o'clock.

"The proposal meets with general favor amongst the merchants, only one firm amongst the property holders has signed the petition to prevent its being carried out in the manner originally proposed. The action of the property holders will delay the completion of the scheme for another two weeks at least, much to the regret of the clerks. The late news report that this method of treatment has been in vogue for a number of years in the Old Country, and is in use in all the up-to-date cities in the East and in the Middle West. The natives are, however, obdurate and the alien must reluctantly come to their view."

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A COMPROMISE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Advocated Adoption of Title of "Imperial Conference." (Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 22.—The decision of the colonial conference to change the name to "Imperial Conference" and to establish a secretarial staff under the control of the colonial office to preserve the continuity of the work of the conference between its meetings every four years is the course largely suggested by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is a compromise between those who wanted an Imperial council, independent of ministerial responsibility, either in Britain or the colonies, and those who were opposed to anything that might appear to be the way of interfering with the rights of the self-governing colonies.

RECTOR WOUNDED.

Tambov, Russia, April 22.—Father Simeon, rector of the Ecclesiastical seminary here, was shot and seriously wounded to-day. The seminary was recently closed as the result of political disorders, and it is thought that the would-be assassin is an ex-student.

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THE MONGOLIA AGAIN ASHORE

GROUNDING WHEN ON HOMEWARD VOYAGE

Lies Close to Shore and May Easily Be Reached From All Directions

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, April 22.—(Afternoon.)—The Pacific mail steamer Mongolia—ran aground this morning near Mayeda lighthouse. The locality is full of reefs. The steamer, with a list of 45 degrees, lies quite close to the shore, within reach of rescue from all directions. Her proximity to land prevents any possible loss of life.

The accident was caused by an attempt to avoid collision with a sailing ship.

The Mongolia is a twin screw steamer with a registered tonnage of 13,439 tons. She was built in New York in 1904. She has but recently been put in commission again after repairs necessitated by grounding on a reef off Midway Island on which she struck on September 16th last. She was doated again with outside assistance on September 21st.

On her present trip she was homeward bound from Yokohama; and was under control of Capt. Hathaway.

Still Fast Ashore.

Moji, Island of Kiushu (Saikaido), Japan, April 22.—The Mongolia is ashore between Kanaubuse and Danakura beacons, in Hayatoma strait, near here. The vessel, which is very much listed, is afloat, and hangs forward, but is not taking any water. Attempts to get the Mongolia off were unsuccessful. Further efforts will be made at the next high tide, and they are expected to be successful.

The Mongolia was bound from Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki and Moji for Yokohama and San Francisco. She left Nagasaki yesterday for Moji.

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Those at the meeting were: From New Westminster—H. Shaake, representing Shaake Machine Works; J. Reid, Westminster Iron Works; J. Nelson. Vancouver—S. Hallander, C. F. Jackson, J. Ross, Jr., and J. Howard, Ross & Howard Iron Works; G. Gibes, Vancouver Engineering Works; Mr. Litter, Terminal City Iron Works; Mr. McLean, Vancouver Stone Works; J. Collier, Albion Iron Works. Nanaimo—Mr. Gibson. Victoria—Mr. Sturges, Fitzherbert Bullen and Harry Bullen, B. C. Marine Railway Company; M. Bechtel, Victoria Machinery Depot; Andrew Gray, Marine Iron Works; Mr. Ramsay, Ramsay & Patien.

JOINT CONCERT.

Arion Club and Orpheus Male Voice Club of Tacoma in Union.

A joint concert will take place, it is expected, in the Victoria Theatre on June 17th, to be given by the Arion Club of this city, together with the Orpheus Male Voice Club of Tacoma.

Two years ago the Arion Club visited Tacoma as the guests of the above institution, and ever since that time it has been their desire to reciprocate. The present proposal is the result. Several numbers will be rendered by the Orpheus Club, while the two clubs in chorus will be heard in Mendelssohn's Antiphony, the Pilgrim's Chorus from Tannhauser, and the Soldiers' Chorus from Faust.

The newly-formed amateur orchestra, under the leadership of B. J. Bantley, will also contribute two numbers to the programme.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on the 29th April, 1907, for the purchase of a good deal of the south half of lot 816, part of Section 22, Township 14 N., Range 10 E., Victoria City. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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(Special to the Times).

Tacoma, April 22.—Thomas Powell, Mrs. Thomas Powell and Thomas McDonald are reported to have been burned to a crisp in Powell's residence at Cumberland, a coal mining town in the interior of Pierce county, Wash. Powell and McDonald were miners, and it is supposed that the men went to bed leaving a lamp burning, which exploded and set fire to the house.

TWO YEARS FOR ABDUCTION. Two Quartermasters of Steamer Cassiar Sentenced for Keeping Girls in Close Confinement.

Two quartermasters of the steamer Cassiar, Fred Ortigo and Bruce Edwards, were found guilty of the crime of abduction and sentenced to two years in the provincial penitentiary by Magistrate Williams at Vancouver on Saturday. The accusation against them was that they had taken Ida Bell and Myrtle Ellis, two little girls, away from their homes without the sanction or knowledge of their parents or guardian, and kept them concealed in their cabin on board the Cassiar while the steamer made the round trip to the north.

Magistrate Williams, in passing sentence, administered a stern rebuke to the men, which they received with submission. His Worship told them that if they had possessed the least spark of manly instinct, they should have advised the girls to return to their homes, and it was certainly their duty to have reported the presence of the girls to the captain. "No," said the magistrate, "you have been proved by the evidence and by your own statements that you enticed the girls to enter the cabin, and it is asking too much not to believe that you had the girls there otherwise than to satisfy your own low base and lustful passions. It was a most contemptible act, and I do not wonder that young girls so frequently go astray, when such as you are walking the streets."

Myrtle Ellis' testimony was taken first. She stated that she was fourteen, but she was very slight and short for her age. She related that she left home Monday afternoon, giving the impression to her mother that she was going to school, but instead she went to the G. P. R. depot where she had arranged to meet Ida Bell. She was afraid to go to school fearing she would receive a whipping. Ida did not come until after three o'clock, when they both went down to Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf. Then they went to the steamer Cassiar, where they met "Fred" and asked him if they could go on the boat, and he gave them permission. In reply to his questions, they told him that they were going to a logging camp as they were not well treated at home. They wanted to go somewhere where they would not be discovered, and Ortigo had told them that the safest place would be in his cabin, to which they assented. "Bruce" was in the cabin when they went down with "Fred," and when he knew that they were going to a logging camp he said that Seattle was a better place, and Fred said he would take them if they wanted to go. Sometime afterwards, she said, Edwards told them "boys" wanted him to take two more trips before he left the boat. The girl then stated that they had remained in the cabin all the time after the boat left Vancouver until she returned on Thursday, when they got away quietly about nine o'clock. While they were in the dark cabin, one or the other of the two men were always with them and they brought them their food. When they left the Cassiar, Edwards was compelled to go on watch, and Fred and the two girls took the ferry and went to North Vancouver. They walked about while Fred talked about going to a hotel, but that plan was given up. As soon as they got back to Vancouver, Ida Bell said she was going home as she was sure they would be caught, but the witness and Fred took a walk on Westminster Avenue and they decided, as Fred did not have his trunk that they would not go to Seattle that night, that she would go to a friend's house on Cordova street and spend the night and meet him next afternoon at four o'clock. Ida looked a good deal older than her companion, and is several inches taller, though she said she is only thirteen. She practically substantiated the story related, and told the court that Ortigo said they could take a trip on the Cassiar without any money, if they would go down to his cabin. He had asked Myrtle where she would like to go, and when Seattle was talked about, Edwards said it would be better to go there than to the logging camps. Her reason for going home and leaving her friend with Ortigo was that he did not have money enough to take both the girls with him.

One of the prisoners asked her to explain about the two loggers, and she said that she had met Lewis and Johnnie Blair at her mother's, and that she had given them the money at the Hotel Europe, and the men had told them to be at the Cassiar at six o'clock and they would pay their fare up. W. H. Clark was called and testified as to being the guardian of Myrtle.

Ortigo and Edwards did not try to contradict the stories of the girls. They had been told that the girls were going to a logging camp with two men, and they had been badly treated at home. They had told them that they might stay in their cabin, for if they went on deck they would surely be seen. Under cross-examination, they said that they had done the girls no harm, and Ortigo said he would have been satisfied if his own sisters had received similar treatment under like circumstances. When asked why they did not send the girls home, Edwards said he did not know that they had a home.

Major-General Evelyn Coningham, who for thirty years held a command in the Indian army, has died at Brighton. His father and brothers all attained the rank of general in the Indian army.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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M. Carlin and wife, Golden; E. J. Blaquiere, Calgary; G. E. Atwood, Tacoma; J. Carroll, Seattle; J. B. Weir, Mrs. J. B. Weir, Vancouver; Wm. Taylor, New York; Fred Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. A. Davidson, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. G. Marsden, San Francisco; P. M. J. McBride, Winnipeg; Mr. Bowser and wife, Vancouver; James D. Bryce, Winnipeg; J. Gibson, McElvaine, Hugh McElvaine, H. J. Proar, Philadelphia; Harry Fisher, Montreal; Colin H. Jackson, Vancouver; P. A. Wilson, Westminister; H. Miller, Vancouver; H. W. R. Moore, Seattle; Jas. Browster, Banff; W. T. Hayes, Vancouver; S. Cameron, Seattle; F. P. Wilson and wife, Grand Rapids, Mich.; P. D. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer, Seattle; J. B. Lynch, J. D. Bryce, Jas. Rosenhaupt, Sld. Rosenhaupt, Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Seaman, Miss Seaman, Misses, Wla. R. Taylor, Everett; D. R. Campbell, Chicago; Mrs. C. Shannon, L. H. Wright and wife, Los Angeles, Cal.; W. H. Campbell and wife, H. R. Christie, H. G. McKenny, H. M. Tery, F. Cox, G. P. Downey, Vancouver; Jas. Brown, James and Andrew Brown, Portage la Prairie; J. B. Giffen, Vancouver; W. C. Mathews, Toronto; W. C. Walsh, Montreal; Mrs. and Miss Cooper, London; H. G. Brown, W. H. McNaughton, A. Dawson, Vancouver.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 22.—6 a. m.—The barometer is about 30 inches throughout the entire Pacific slope, and fine warm weather is general, with light to moderate variable winds along the Coast. The temperature exceeded 70 between the ranges yesterday. This morning snow is reported at Calgary, and temperatures below 32 degrees are general eastward to Winnipeg.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and warm to-day and to-morrow. Lower Mainland—Light, variable winds, generally fair and warm to-day and Tuesday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.67; temperature, 62; minimum, 42; wind, 2 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.65; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 43; minimum, 43; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.35; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles N. W.; weather, part cloudy.

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FATAL EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

MAN KILLED, WOMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

The Perkins Murder Trial--Another Fire at Montreal--Western Grain Crop.

Toronto, April 20.--At Haberbury, yesterday, Harry Boyne, of Welsh, England, was throwing out dynamite on a toaster on a cook stove when twenty sticks exploded. He was horribly mangled. He lived about an hour, but never regained consciousness. Mrs. Prentice, housekeeper, was rendered unconscious and fell into a faint. The doctor's prognosis is that she will not survive. The building belonged to Beach and Williams, and is totally wrecked. Loss about \$2,000. The Perkins Case.

Calgary, April 20.--At the Perkins murder trial this morning, the chief witness was Mrs. George Carter, of Vancouver. Mrs. Perkins, accompanied by her husband, visited Mrs. Carter's home last summer. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Perkins asked her if she could obtain a doctor's order to buy some strychnine. Mrs. Carter gave her the address of a Detroit druggist. Mrs. Perkins said she did not want Mr. Perkins to know what she was going to buy strychnine for, as he would be crazy if he knew. While at Mrs. Carter's home, Henry Perkins was ill and vomited. Mrs. Carter's evidence was corroborated by her daughter, Lillian.

Immigrants.

Winnipeg, April 20.--Word was received today by the immigration department that 1,200 immigrants were on their way from Montreal. Two hundred left on a special train, the remainder being unknown. At 2 p. m. a special left carrying 1,200 immigrants for the west.

Ice Breaks.

Winnipeg, April 20.--The ice broke up in the Red river today and is running out very strong. The ice tore off from two of the breakers at the bridge, and no damage is anticipated. It was April 4th last year when the break-up came.

Saw Snow for First Time.

Winnipeg, April 20.--Rev. Mr. Cameron, director of missions in the Presbyterian church of Victoria, Australia, together with Mrs. Cameron and some friends, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Great Britain. Some of the party had never seen snow until they landed in Canada. Mr. Cameron speaks hopefully of the work of his church, and was anxious to learn about Canadian methods of mission work, with a view to improvements in his church.

Western Crop.

Winnipeg, April 20.--The total receipts of last year's crop at Western Canada railway points up to Friday were \$8,755,000 bushels, compared with \$4,944,000 at this date last year.

Fire at Montreal.

Montreal, April 20.--Fire badly gutted the wholesale liquor and grocery house of M. Quintal and Fils, St. Paul street, today. The stock is valued at \$100,000 and is fully covered by insurance. The damage to the building will be a good deal under that figure. The fire is believed to have originated from the furnace in the cellar. By the time the firemen arrived the flames were in full control.

Salmon Was Bad.

Montreal, April 20.--That portion of Montreal's population which is not in the habit of eating salmon at present unknown. There were fifty thousand fish shipped to Montreal from Toronto for sale by auction. Auctioneers were told they were to be sold under the food inspector's supervision. The fish decomposed, and every can contained poison. Had the 50,000 cans of poisoned fish been put into as many homes at least 50,000 people would have been poisoned. Auction was about to begin when the health officers interfered. Those officers and the police are now working on the case. They suspect that the reason why the salmon was shipped here was because it was known to be bad.

Pioneer Dead.

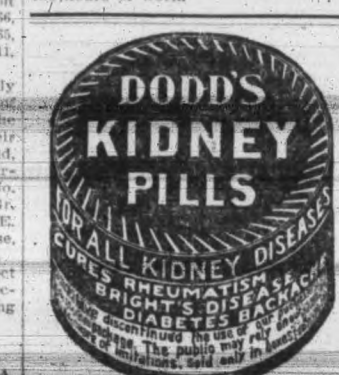
Port Hope, Ont., April 19.--George M. Healy, one of Port Hope's pioneers, and for twenty-four years mayor of the town, is dead. Deceased was born at Healy's Falls, near Campbellford, in 1819. Most of his life was spent in Port Hope, where he first came before the public as an accountant in the Bank of Upper Canada, and afterwards in the Ontario Bank. On resigning the bank's position in 1867 he retired from active life. He was in active communication with the Methodist church since 1843.

To Open Channel.

Sarnia, April 20.--Wrecked Jas. Reid has made a proposition to vessel owners to open the channel for the Lake Erie and Lake Superior for \$15,000. He is ready to start on Monday, and does not expect any pay unless he succeeds. The vessel now stuck is yet taken no action in the matter. The loss of time of the vessels now held at Detroit Bay, owing to the ice, would speedily make up the amount asked.

BACK AT WORK.

Springfield, Mass., April 20.--A strike of 150 brewery workers in this city for better working conditions ended today. The men returning to work under an agreement that each man be allowed a gallon of beer a day for his personal consumption and a reduction of the hours of work.



BRYAN'S PLATFORM

Some of the Planks Which Will Occupy Prominent Places.

Chicago, Ill., April 20.--A dispatch from Omaha says the Democratic National platform of 1908, if William Jennings Bryan controls the convention, will not demand absolute government ownership of railroads.

This was authoritatively announced yesterday by James C. Dahlgren, National committeeman from Nebraska. The statement is in the nature of an official announcement for the reason that Mr. Dahlgren is in close touch with Mr. Bryan. Recently he has been in conference with Mr. Bryan over the plans and policies of the forthcoming campaign.

From the same source it is stated that the tariff reform will again become a dominant feature of the platform. Mr. Dahlgren says the prominent planks in Mr. Bryan's declaration of principles will concern trusts, the tariff, state regulation, and money, the railroad ownership plank of course being conspicuous by its absence. Constitutional government will have a strong endorsement and the acceptance of campaign contributions from trusts and large corporations will receive serious consideration. The platform will define the necessity for and proper use of money contributed for running campaigns. Usurpation of power by the President will be made a strong point and the convention will be asked to elect a committee to prepare a resolution to this effect.

In this respect as well as in the matter of accepting or approving campaign contributions, has overstepped democratic principles. Governmental economies will receive the usual attention, and a bill will be demanded in naval extension. It will be declared that the vast sums spent on armament may much better be employed in irrigation of the plains of the West. Development of river navigation is to be endorsed. Election of senators by direct vote of the people, reformation of civil service rules and a strong foreign policy will be strongly proclaimed and pledged.

No overtures of any sort are to be made to the populists beyond a general invitation directed to all classes to join forces with the Democratic party in an effort to enforce the principles proclaimed and demanded in the democratic faith.

FINNS ARE ALARMED.

Proposal to Hold Manoeuvres in Finland Regarded as Step Towards Military Occupation.

St. Petersburg, April 20.--The officers of several of the cavalry and artillery regiments of the Guard have been notified that manoeuvres in Finland may be substituted this year for the usual exercises in the summer camp at Kuusenoelä.

The news has caused considerable alarm among the Finns, who regard this as steps toward military occupation of Finland.

The recent capture of cartridges from abroad, which are supposed to have been destined for importation into Russia through Finland, and the capture of cartridges in Finland itself intended for the revolutionists in that part of the empire has strengthened the hands of the anti-Finnish advisers of the Emperor.

Two squadrons of torpedo boats have been formed to guard the Gulf of Bothnia and Finland and wireless telegraph stations are being established at Bomarsund, Likaletstad and other ports.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

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SOLDIER AND JOURNALIST.

Sir G. Armstrong, Proprietor of the London Globe, is Dead.

London, April 20.--Sir Geo. Armstrong, proprietor of the London Globe, died at his residence in London this afternoon.

Capt. Sir George Carleton Hughes Armstrong in addition to being the sole proprietor of the Globe, was part proprietor of the People, and the Sun of London. He was born in India in 1838, and entered the British Indian army in 1855, serving through the Indian Mutiny. He was severely wounded near Delhi and retired on a pension. The captain joined the staff of the Globe in 1872 and subsequently became its proprietor and editor.

CONSTITUTION OF IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Each Government Will Have Two Representatives--Question of Military Defence.

London, April 20.--At today's session of the colonial conference it was unanimously agreed to change the title to "Imperial Conference." The conference will be held every four years to discuss the common interests of the Empire. The Premier of the United Kingdom will be ex-officio president of the Imperial conference and the premiers of the colonies and the colonial secretary will be ex-officio members. The various governments will appoint other members, but with the exception of the special confirmation conference, not more than two representatives of each government shall participate in the conference. Each government will have two votes.

A department of the colonial office is created, with a permanent secretarial staff, which shall be charged with the duty of collecting information for the use of the conference and dealing tentatively with such matters of general Imperial interest as arise in the intervals between the conference.

It was further decided that when matters arise requiring the consultation of two or more governments, which cannot be conveniently postponed until the next conference, a subsidiary conference may be held between especially chosen representatives of the governments concerned. The East-India secretary of state for the colonies, referring to the matter of military defence, outlined the general principles of an Imperial military organization, and the Premier concurred in his views. The Premier then explained the defence organizations of their respective colonies, and the extent to which the general organization could be put into practice. The draft of a resolution calling for a general staff for the Empire was tabled. It was resolved that the colonies should be invited to send representatives of Imperial defence for advice on local questions in which expert assistance is desirable.

Sir Robert Borden, premier of Newfoundland, attended the conference for the first time to-day. He was greeted cordially. Apparently in response to a wish for a general summary of the colonial office, a lengthy summary of the proceedings of the week to-night. This summary covered mainly the discussions which preceded the adoption of the resolutions to-day. The only striking feature communicated was the objection of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier of Canada, and General Balfour, the premier of the Transvaal, to designating the conference "Imperial Council."

General Balfour thought the adoption of the word "council" might be an infringement upon the rights of the responsible governments, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested the title "Imperial Conference," which was adopted. All agreed that the conference should be consultative and advisory only, and the Earl of Elgin clinched matters by declaring that the establishment of a body with an independent status of authority would not be acceptable to His Majesty's government.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the premier of the United Kingdom, gave a private dinner to the colonial premiers at Downing street to-night. Almost all the members of the cabinet and a number of other prominent persons, including Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, were present.

SWEPT BY TYPHOON.

Two Hundred and Thirty Nations of Caroline Islands Drowned--Survivors Face Famine.

Berlin, April 20.--Colonial Director Dernburg has informed the budget committee of the Reichstag that a cable message had been received from the governor of the Island of Yap, announcing that a disastrous typhoon swept over the Caroline Islands on Good Friday, March 29th.

Two hundred and thirty of the 500 natives of the Ulithi group were drowned, the coconut trees were destroyed and famine threatens the surviving natives.

The steamship Planet of the German navy, which has been engaged in general relief work, and the steamship Germania of the Jaluit Company, proceeded to the Ulithi Islands, taking food and help. It was proposed to bring as many of the suffering natives as possible to the Pelew and Ladrone Islands.

JAPAN'S PEACE DELEGATE.

The Emperor's Instructions to Head of Delegation to The Hague.

Conference.

Tokio, April 20.--The Emperor yesterday received in audience M. Tsuzuki, chief secretary of the privy council, who has been appointed head of the Japanese delegation to the peace conference at The Hague, and who has been made a member of the House of Peers. His Majesty urged the delegate to use his best efforts in order to obtain good results at The Hague, adding "we have always said that we were solicitous for the peace of the world. You are expected to carry out this desire at the peace conference to which you are now being sent."

FIRE AT MANILA.

Homes of Many Americans and Natives Destroyed.

Manila, April 20.--Fire destroyed 100 American homes and many native dwellings in parts of the districts of Singalong, Peco and Hambling. In Manila this afternoon. The American settlements at Ermita and Malate escaped the hard work of the firemen, assisted by soldiers and citizens. The flames, fanned by a heavy gale, swept an area of 100 acres clear within two hours. The native refugees are now sheltered in the schools and other public buildings, while many are camping in open space. The damage is estimated at \$200,000 in gold.

SUDDEN DEATH.

New York, April 20.--Louis W. Donnelly, traffic manager of the Diamond Match Company, died in the Hotel Severance this city to-day of pneumonia of the heart. He was a member of the Fox Hills Gold Club and widely known among railway men throughout the country. He will be buried in Mount Hope, where he formerly lived.

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A LATIN UNION.

King Edward's Visit to Spain and Italy May Have Important Results.

London, April 20.--While the officials here minimize the importance of King Edward's tour of the Mediterranean, it cannot be denied that the visits to Cartagena and Gaeta were more than exchanges of courtesies between the monarchs of the three great powers. The presence of Sir Charles Hardinge, permanent under secretary of the foreign office, and King Edward's personal adviser on foreign affairs, stamps the meetings as being more than acts of civility. Sir Charles joined the King upon His Majesty's departure from Biarritz, and has been at his side ever since, and besides he has had conferences with the foreign ministers of Spain and Italy.

That The Hague conference has been one of the subjects discussed cannot be doubted, but it probably will be found that the main interest lies in another direction. As a prominent diplomat expressed it to-day, "Recent events point to the restoration of the Mediterranean to its old primacy, by which the relations between the great powers were determined."

What King Edward is aiming at some well informed persons contend, is a Latin union, supported by Great Britain, for the maintenance of the status quo in the great inland sea. Whatever connection Italy has with the plans must have arisen since King Edward's departure from England, as it was not until after his arrival at Malta that His Majesty instructed the foreign office to arrange a meeting with King Victor Emmanuel. Whether there will be other conferences has not been made public, but it is certain that the main interest lies in another direction. As a prominent diplomat expressed it to-day, "Recent events point to the restoration of the Mediterranean to its old primacy, by which the relations between the great powers were determined."

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

—Connecting with the eastern train the C. P. R. steamer Princess Victoria sailed from Vancouver at 1 p.m. to-day.

—C. W. Rhodes received on Saturday the sad news of the death of his nine-year-old son, who was lying ill in the Vancouver hospital.

—There are several lady motorists in Victoria, and they all run Rover cars, imported by the Pimley Automobile Company, Ltd.

—Particulars have come to hand this morning that the Vancouver Kennel Club has extended its date of entry to April 27th.

—Some special values at the City Fair, 86½ Douglas street. Cups and saucers, worth \$1.50; sale price, \$1; tea sets, 40 pieces, from \$4 up; blue willow cups and saucers (choked), \$2.25 a doz. Watches, good time-keepers, \$1 each.

—F. Rogerson, an inmate of the Old Men's Home in the city for the last 15 years, passed away at the Home on Saturday. He was a native of London, England, and an old-timer in the city, having come here many years ago. Mr. Rogerson was 64 years of age, and his death was due to septic decay.

—George Monteith, Esquimalt road, received the sad intelligence this morning of the death of his brother, Joseph Monteith, of Millfield, Nova Scotia. Mr. Monteith was well known, being the builder and owner of some of the largest sailing vessels in the east. His many friends in Victoria will hear with regret the news of his death.

—William Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., left by the Princess Victoria last night on his return journey to Winnipeg headquarters. He continued his journey eastward this morning in his special car. Mr. Whyte will inspect the various branch lines on his way, and his first stop will be at Speke's Bridge, where he will visit the new Nicola extension.

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—Yesterday evening Rev. W. Leslie Clay, of St. Andrew's church, appealed to the members of his congregation for aid in relieving the distress of the famine sufferers in China. Men, women and children are dying by hundreds for lack of bread. The appeal can hardly fall on deaf ears. Contributions will be forwarded to the scene of suffering with the least possible delay. He gives twice who gives soon.

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—The bridge and 500 tournament in aid of the anti-tuberculosis fund, will take place in the Dallas hotel on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock sharp.

—S. P. Dunlevy is in Victoria expecting to go North on the first boat, says the Bulkley Pioneer. The firm of Dunlevy Brothers carry the largest stock of general merchandise in the country, and began in the hotel business in a small way two years ago in Hazelton.

—The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal Association will be held tomorrow (Tuesday evening) at 8 o'clock in the Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street. After the election of officers an address will be delivered by J. A. Macdonald. A large attendance of members is expected.

—Messrs. Williams & Janion will hold a sale of useful household furniture and sterling silverware on Wednesday, April 24th, at their mart, 51 Fort street, at 2.30. The sale was advertised to take place tomorrow, but has been unavoidably postponed until the following day. The goods will be on view tomorrow at their rooms.

—Magistrate Hall has sufficiently recovered from his long illness to again occupy the police court bench. Though looking somewhat worn, he proved that his illness had not robbed him of his judicial acumen. It took him only a few minutes to dispose of the solitary drunk before him. His many friends are glad to see him back once more.

—Tommy Roberts, driver of car No. 62 for the Victoria Transfer Company, narrowly escaped losing his life in a collision with car No. 36, of the B. C. Electric railway. He was coming down Cormorant street with a load of trunks at a good pace when just as he reached the corner of government street he noticed a car coming. Too late he applied the brakes, and exerted all his strength to stop the horses. Seeing that this was impossible he endeavored to make a quick turn around the corner. His quickness of action prevented a head-on collision. But the pole of the wagon caught in the side of the car, and as the latter was going at a rapid rate he was thrown from the seat and pitched headlong between the horses' feet. The horse broke, the horses shied and one of them had a shoe torn from its foot. The other had its hind feet somewhat injured. The driver wanted to send him to the hospital, but he pluckily stayed with his horses. His legs are bruised, and it is more than probable that he will be laid up for a few days.

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MEMBERS SAT ON SATURDAY

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The bill passed its second reading.

With the introduction of the bill to amend the Medical Act, Mr. J. Bowser explained that this would permit of special certificates being given graduates of a medical college who had not taken their examinations here to act as assistants in hospitals for a period not exceeding six months prior to the examination of qualification being taken.

The bill passed its second reading. Dr. Hall on the second reading of the bill to amend the Master and Servant Act explained that the present act applied only to cities of over 3,000 inhabitants. As in most cases the mines and other industries affected were outside cities, the act was made non-effective.

Mr. Ross moved the adjournment of the debate. Dr. Hall asked that this should not be pressed. He said that he had never got a chance to get the bill forward before today as the House adjourned before it was reached. If it did not come in to-day it might not get before the House.

The motion to adjourn the debate carried, all the government supporters voting for it in opposition to the solid Liberal vote and that of the Socialists.

The division was as follows: Year—Messrs. Fulton, Bowser, Ross, Thomson, Hunter, Grant, Young, Taylor, Gifford, Grant, Behnen, Manson, Garton, Hayward, Mackay, Parson, Dovey, Sch field—18.

Nays—Messrs. King, Hall, Campbell, Kergin, Oliver, Munro, Jardine, Brewster, Williams, Hawthorthwaite, Macdonald—11.

Paids—Messrs. McBride and Naden, McPhillips and Yostin, McGuire and Jones.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Municipalities Act, Mr. J. Bowser explained that this was taken as result of a numerous signed petition from various parts of the province.

The bill to provide for a Curfew Act, Mr. R. Ross explained that this was taken as result of a numerous signed petition from various parts of the province.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved the adjournment of the debate. This motion was defeated.

Parker Williams thought the bill was too complicated. The Attorney-General of the province had told the House that the province had no power to create an offence. He proposed to give the bill the six months' notice.

Mr. W. H. Williams moved that the amendment and the bill passed its second reading.

Land Registry Act.

The bill to amend the Land Registry Act, the bill to amend the Mechanics Lien Act, and the bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Royal Institution for the advancement of learning, passed their second readings.

F. H. Behnen proposed to introduce a bill to amend the Municipal Elections Act.

Objection was taken to this being done without notice, and the bill was prevented from being introduced.

The House then adjourned until the evening.

THE EVENING SITTING.

At the evening sitting, public bills were proceeded with and the following bills were given their third readings: The bill to incorporate the "Beaumont Arm and Quenault railway"; the bill to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act; the bill respecting the Spahn Creek

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reasons were for insisting that the directors should be licentiates of the Pharmaceutical Association.

Hon. Mr. Young said that this was for the purpose of preventing a departmental store from opening a drug department, employing a clerk who was qualified and who was paid a miserable salary and thus put the qualified druggist out of business.

Mr. Oliver could not see why chemists should be protected so as to be able to charge exorbitant prices.

Dr. King could not see why a joint stock company should not be allowed to carry on the drug business as long as the law was complied with in the way of employing a qualified chemist in charge.

Mr. Munroe warned the House against opening the door to the principle proposed. This was not to protect the public. It was for the purpose of protecting the chemists in their business.

To begin this was dangerous. Other callings might just as reasonably come forward and ask the same protection.

Mr. Macdonald said that in Ontario a similar act had been passed to protect the chemists from the competition of big departmental stores, notably T. Eaton's. He did not know that such conditions existed here. If it was thought wise to retain this section it should be modified so that a stock company might carry on the business of a drug store but it should be a separate drug store and not a part of the departmental store.

The proposal to strike out the section was lost.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said this simply meant to create a monopoly.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete.

Mr. Behnen again attempted to introduce a bill to amend the Municipal Elections Act, having given notice after the afternoon sitting.

Objection was taken and the bill was forced to be held over.

J. H. Hawthorthwaite on a question of privilege wished to think the minister of finance for a copy of the War Cry left on his desk.

Hon. Mr. Taiton said he had not placed the paper there and advised the member for Nanaimo to read it and probably he would come back Monday morning in a better frame of mind.

The House then adjourned.

The City of Sadness.

The modern spirit is devoured by a multiplicity of ideals. It wants everything at once, and it is apt to get nothing at all.

The other day I spent a few hours in Manchester, and I brought away with me an unimpaired impression of the future of the city.

Manchester is a city with a noble personality, a city with a soul. It had affected my imagination in the same way as Edinburgh and Dublin affect it. It seemed to me to be filled with the passion of life. Its commercial grandeur did not interest me so much as its intellectual vitality.

I am one of those Londoners who read their "Manchester Guardian" every morning as carefully as they read their "Times," and who in consequence recognize the fallacy of that fallacious epithet, "provincial." The "Manchester Guardian" has always appeared to me to be more cosmopolitan than some of our provincial London journals. It surveys the life of the world from the centre, and it often is more metropolitan than the newspapers of the metropolis. Its sharp interest in the significant aspects of contemporary life convinced me that Manchester is a city of light. I went to Manchester expecting to see outward and visible signs of its inward and spiritual grace.

The Paradox of Wealth.

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It is a strange paradox that modern wealth cannot escape from vulgarity. Commercially it is the most advanced, yet it is the most backward in its artistic beauty. To-day it fails to bring forth anything. There is no reason why Manchester should not be as beautiful as Venice. Its merchant princes are not parsimonious. Their millions ought to suffice for the creation of sublime churches and stately theatres, beautiful statues and majestic monuments. But I sought in vain for one dream in stone, one vision in marble.

The spirit of Manchester is noble, but the expression of that spirit is horrible. The town hall is not a building which will evoke the reverence of posterity. The statues of Bright and Gladstone

are melancholy manifestations of imaginative sterility. In vain the eye searches for a soaring pinnacle or an aspiring tower. As I wandered through the labyrinthine streets a great weight of despondency crushed my heart. The sadness of the modern city pleased me. I felt sorry for my grandchildren. How shall they reconstruct a past which has failed to find expression for its passion? How shall they worship the soul of an age which has neglected to embody itself in the enduring rhythm of architecture?

The Price of Progress.

The ineffectual and inarticulate aspect of Manchester is a silent humiliation and a dumb reproach. It bears witness to the central poverty that afflicts the modern world, to the loss of its opulence and its energy. It is a testimony against the sufficiency of money. The modern spirit is inclined to worship material sovereignty. But the sovereignty of the sovereign is supreme rather than real. There are things which money cannot buy. There are treasures which cannot be purchased by the most austere commercial virtue. The irony is very bitter. It is hard to believe that intellectual honesty is not mere beauty, and that economic freedom is not a very art.

Dyspepsia of Women

THE TROUBLE IN COAL MINES

PROSPECTS OF AN EARLY ARRANGEMENT

Efforts Being made to Induce Men to Resume Work Pending Investigation

(Special to the Times).

Ottawa, April 22.—In answer to R. L. Borden, Hon. T. Lemieux said in the House to-day that he had received a telegram from Mr. Sherman, president of district union No. 18, composing the different local unions, under date of April 20th, saying: "I am trying to persuade the men to accept temporary arrangements to return to the mines pending an investigation. So far I have failed, as the company will do nothing pending the return of the operators, president, G. G. S. Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay was expected to-day, and he hoped that an arrangement would be effected to-morrow to resume work immediately."

Hon. Mr. Lemieux said Mackenzie King would be at Fernie to-morrow or Wednesday at the latest. With the arrival of Mr. King it was expected that work would be resumed pending an investigation. He could not say how many men had quit work. Conditions as reported were, he thought, very much exaggerated.

Minister Visits Fernie. (Associated Press).

Fernie, April 22.—Hon. Mr. Cushing, minister of public works, of Alberta, is here endeavoring to effect a conciliation between the miners and operators, and will remain until the trouble is over.

LOCAL BODY'S ACTION.

Special Meeting of Board of Trade to Consider Situation.

A special meeting of the board of trade to consider the present deadlock in the coal mines of the Crow's Nest Pass between operators and operatives, is called for to-morrow morning. The board's action will probably be in line with that of the boards of trade of Calgary, Fernie and other places in the interior. That is a resolution will be adopted urging the operators to go to work pending the session of the board of conciliation and pointing out the irreparable harm which will be done to the commerce of the country unless such action is adopted.

The meeting is called at the instance of G. C. Buchanan, president of the Associated Boards of Trade of eastern British Columbia, who is at present in the city, and who is acting on his own initiative. He points out that the action of bodies which are as far removed from the cause of trouble as the local board of trade should have more weight with the parties to the dispute than those in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Buchanan points out that the business of British Columbia and the prairie provinces will be practically paralyzed unless this plan is followed. The C. P. R. has given notice that they will be unable to move ore until a supply of coal is assured. The smelters struggled through the past winter in a hand-to-mouth manner. They could not get ahead with their supply of coal. It is certain that they will cease operations if it becomes apparent that the strike will take place. It is equally certain that even if later in the summer arrangements are brought to a satisfactory conclusion, that they will not resume operations during the coming winter with no sufficient supply of coal in sight. Hence, instead of \$20,000,000 mineral output during the current year, there will scarcely be \$6,000,000.

In conversation with Mr. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R. last week, said Mr. Buchanan, "he told me that during the past winter they sold every ton of coal available to keep life in people's bodies. They are now loading 180 cars of coal a day to bring to Manitoba for the operation of the prairie divisions of the railway. They haven't motive power sufficient to haul it. Mr. Whyte further stated that he had been informed by Mr. Dunsinville that there would be no coal available from Vancouver Island. That, therefore, if the supply of coal in the Crow's Nest Pass was unavailable, it would be impossible to haul any freight at all."

"Hence," concluded Mr. Buchanan, "the necessity for conciliatory methods pending the finding of the board of conciliation."

A meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade will be held to-morrow morning to consider the situation caused by the strike in the Fernie coal mines.

At the St. Joseph's hospital yesterday there died after a painful illness Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Abraham E. Farrington, a native of Hull, Yorkshire, England, aged 56 years. The deceased had been a resident of Esquimalt for many years and carried on the business of florist and grower of the famous Ashley strawberries. She retired from business on account of ill-health and had lately returned from Los Angeles, Cal., where she had been ill. Her husband has three children. The funeral will take place from Smith's undertaking parlors, 35 Yates street, on Wednesday at 9 a. m., and at St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral a few minutes later.

TOBACCO COSTS SIX LIVES.

After an explosion at Glenview colliery, near Llanelly, Wales, six dead men were found. A striking coincidence in the cause of the disaster was given by a witness at the inquest. "Close to one body," he said, "I saw two lamps, only one of which was locked. Close by was a wooden tobacco pipe. In the hand of another body was a tobacco pipe, and in one of the pockets a match."

NACGOWAN OPENLY DEFIES GOVERNMENT

(Continued from page 1.)

Continuing, Mr. Macgowan said: The legislation presented by the department to the House was miserably prepared and late in being presented, giving ample evidence of the fact that cabinet reconstruction is absolutely necessary. The fact that one minister represents the Lands and Works, which ought to be two departments, together with the attorney-generalship, explains in a measure the way the departmental work at Victoria is being done as at present.

"A timber bill, a civil service bill and a new municipal bill should have been on the table this session."

"A committee should have been appointed to revise and consolidate our statutes with power to hire the best commercial and legal ability in the country with a view to having our laws made workable."

"I felt during the session that it would have been idle to have pushed these matters under the circumstances."

For several days before he left he was not meeting with the government in caucus, and had he remained until the close of the session it is more than probable that he would not have voted with the government but with the opposition. Rather than show such open animosity he preferred when the session was so near a close, to go home and leave the government to worry along without him.

Before he left he took occasion to set himself right on the University Endowment Bill. He contended that this was ill-considered legislation and should not have come down without the bill amending the University Act being in the hands of the members. He showed by this statement that no matter what other Conservatives might think he had no faith in the word of the members of the government.

Another objection he had to the bill was that the faculty of commerce which he proposed to add was not favorably received, and in fact there were according to him sneers at the idea of adding such a faculty to a university.

There was still another feature of the bill which was not agreeable to Mr. Macgowan. This was that he saw in it an attempt to kill the Royal Institution of Learning in Vancouver, a thing which he would not for a moment agree to.

But Mr. Macgowan's opposition to the government is not confined to this bill alone. He is in fact out against them on general principles. There is in his opinion, too little consideration given to the various bills introduced. The Land Act amendments are not agreeable to him.

He was opposed to the repudiation principle connected with the bill, and would not be a party to any such steps by the government.

The session was anything but satisfactory to Mr. Macgowan, and it is not beyond possibility that he may wish the consent of his friends, resign his seat.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLED.

Goldfield, Nev., April 20.—Miss Carrie Burton, aged 20 years, was killed here to-day as the result of a most peculiar accident. Miss Burton, who was an employee of L. L. Patrick, was on her way to the post office for the office mail. Just as she was entering the building Fred Gleason, a deputy sheriff, rode up. His horse began to buck and a revolver fell from his pocket. In his wild plunging the horse jumped upon the revolver, which exploded and the ball struck Miss Burton on the jugular vein, causing instant death.

PERSONAL.

T. H. Howard, one of the most famous hockey players known in Canada, is at present in the city. Mr. Howard for a number of years was captain of the New York Crescent Hockey Club. Prior to that he captained the Montreal Victoria Hockey Club when they successfully defended the Stanley cup and the championship of the world against the Victorias of Winnipeg.

W. W. R. McInnes is in the city from Vancouver and is staying at the Dallas. Mrs. J. A. Stratton, with her son, of Seattle, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. B. Marvin, previous to their departure for Europe.

AIRSHIPS AND WAR.

Col. J. E. Capper, who is in command of the balloon section at Aldershot, England, is quoted as saying that "the British government for many months past have been making experiments with a view to a possible aerial war, and arrangements are already in progress for the formation of a home and attacking fleet of airships. Between 400 and 500 men are being trained for service in Britain's future aerial fleet. This aerial force will consist of balloons, kites and aeroplanes."

He adds: "An aerial section to our army is not the mere hobby of ambitious inventors, but is an absolute necessity if we are to continue to hold the same position in the world which we do now. If once the British people really wake up and take an intelligent and businesslike interest in flying machines, we shall make great strides towards the construction of an aerial branch of our flying forces. I do not wish to prophesy, but in the future—perhaps some twenty years hence—airships will be so common that there will be legislation for them in the same way as there is now for motor cars and other road traffic."

KILLED BY SUPERSTITION.

A farmer at Cookstown, County Tyrone, named John Kelly or Spall, aged fifty years, has died the victim of a strange superstition. He was seen lying by the roadside, but no one would approach him or mention the matter owing to the local belief that ill-fortune befall the person who was the first to hear news of a sudden death. At the inquest the coroner commented upon this callous neglect, and said that prompt assistance might have been the means of saving the man's life.

MENDED RIBS IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

No Formal Minute Will Be Made of This Part of the Proceedings

From time to time there are reports that things take place in executive council which would not stand the light of day, and that no precedent can be shown for some of them.

This morning probably for the first time in the history of the province a member of the government had his ribs adjusted in executive council. The member was the Attorney-General, Hon. F. J. Fulton. It is not pretended that this course was resorted to on account of any violent hands being laid on him by any other members of the government. The Attorney-General in fact is physically well able to defend himself against any of the other members of the executive.

Last evening Hon. Mr. Fulton slipped and fell downstairs at his boarding house. He suffered considerably from the effects, but did not regard it as serious. This morning, still suffering from the injuries, he found it necessary to take a cab to attend executive.

It was decided that it would be well to have him examined, although it is not likely that a formal order in council to this effect was passed.

Dr. Fagan was summoned, and it was after examination found that a rib had been broken. His case was attended to then and there.

A WEAK BILL.

Land Act Amendment Has Many Objectionable Features.

The Bill to amend the Land Act now before the House is still objectionable, even after the sections covering the increasing of the royalty on timber has been struck out.

Mark Eagelson, representing Lillooet, points out a very objectionable feature which will affect a large section of the country. Under the act as now in force, waste land may be purchased at \$1 an acre, which is suitable for pasture only. This land is not fit for any other purpose, Mr. Eagelson says.

Before getting the crown grant for the land, improvements had to be certified to amounting to \$1 an acre. The fencing of the limits covered this, and thus the rancher was able to obtain the land.

By the amendment proposed the \$1 an acre or third class land is done away with. The land will be classified as first class at \$5 an acre, or second class at \$2.50 an acre. The improvements which must be made before the crown grant is issued, is put at \$5 an acre for both classes. Formerly it was \$5 an acre for first class land, \$2.50 for second class and \$1 for third class.

This feature of the bill, Mr. Eagelson points out, will make it impossible to take up the land formerly classified as third class land.

FAMOUS MINING CASE.

Argument For the Defence in Appeal Concluded To-day.

In the Star vs. White Mining Company case the argument of the defence was practically concluded this morning. Throughout Mr. Bodwell has laid great stress on the judgment of the Chief Justice, establishing the theory of the defence. He pointed out the inconsistencies in the evidence of Mr. Sizer. He argued that Mr. Sizer was wrong in stating that the ore was banded out. If the ore was in place at a time the black fissure was formed then the plaintiff's contention that it was banded out by any movement taking place at once fell to the ground. If on the other hand the ore was in a plastic condition, at the forming of the black fissure, it would be impossible for the strata to be upturned without a corresponding grooving of the strata. Moreover, working out the theory as offered by plaintiffs the markings would be in the opposite direction from what they were to-day.

After stating that there were no legal questions which needed to be argued, counsel proceeded to discuss the question of the apex and general direction of the vein as bearing on the present contention of the defendants. At this point Justice Martin interfered with a question as to how the apex and general course of a vein was to be determined whether with reference to one claim or to several. His idea was that Mr. Taylor's contention that this must be determined for each claim separately was correct. Mr. Bodwell, however, argued that it was impossible that a vein could have more than one general course. He further pointed out that you get that quantity of vein below the length of the claim above, this established the defendant's right in the present case.

Counsel for plaintiffs proceeded with the argument in rebuttal this afternoon.

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DIED.

FARRINGTON—At St. Joseph's hospital, on April 21st, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Abraham E. Farrington, a native of Hull, Yorkshire, England, aged 56 years.

The funeral will take place from Smith's Undertaking Parlors, 35 Yates street, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and a few minutes later at St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral.

Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

OSBORNE—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 20th inst., George Osborne, aged 56 years, a native of West-England.

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AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

Walker Whitehead To-Night-Marie Hall on Wednesday Evening.

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classic and romantic portrayals for some time to come. He says he regards his work in that line as the surest foundation for the work he is now attempting, and it can be said that his managers have given him every opportunity with the splendid cast that has been provided.

Marine Hall Concert.

The Victoria Musical Society presents Miss Marie Hall, Violinist, and Miss Lonnie Basche, solo-pianist and accompanist, at its fourth concert of the season 1906-7 on Wednesday evening next at the Victoria theatre. The plan opened to-day. The following is the programme:

1. Symphonie Espagnole..... E. Lalo Andante Rondo..... Marie Hall.
2. Piano Solos..... Chopin (a) Study in E Major..... Chopin (b) Black Keys Study..... Chopin (c) La Campanella..... Paganini-Liszt Lonnie Basche.
3. Violin..... Dvorak (a) Humoresque..... Dvorak (b) Old England Fantasia, Vieuxtemps Marie Hall.
4. Piano Solos..... Mendelssohn-Liszt Fairy Dance..... Lonnie Basche.
5. Violin Solos..... Schubert-Wilhelms (a) Ave Marie..... Tchaikovsky (b) Valse..... Beethoven (c) Minuet..... Hubay (d) Zephyr..... Marie Hall.

Thomas King was fined \$10 at the Police Court for driving a motor car without a license and trying to pawn his baby for \$25.

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SPORTING NEWS

WILL COMPETE AT HENLEY.
It is announced from New York that G. S. Titus will sail for England in May to compete for the Diamond Sculls at Henley Regatta.

BASBALL.
GETTING INTO FORM.
The best practice held up to the present this season took place at Oak Bay yesterday morning when 25 baseball enthusiasts met, and, selecting sides, played a good game. Some fast play was witnessed, and there is good material for the selection of a nine, which will in all probability be chosen this week.

LACROSSE.
A GOOD PRACTICE.
The Central Lacrosse Club held an enjoyable practice at Oak Bay yesterday. There was a good turnout of players, and the day's play was in every way indicative that a greater interest is being taken in the game.

This evening the club will hold a practice at 4.30 on the High school grounds. All members, both junior and intermediate, are expected to be on hand, as it is likely that the club will arrange a game to take place on Victoria Day. Five applications for games have been received, and owing to the uncertainty of securing a ground the club has been unable to make a definite fixture up to the present.

From this time forward practices will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

ATHLETICS.
WILL HOLD MEET.
The first summer sports of this season will be held at Oak Bay on the 11th of May under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Entries to events at this meet will only be open to members of the institution and to regular attendants at the Sunday school in this city.

Details of the meet are now in process of arrangement. It will include running races at varying distances up to half a mile, high and long jumps, pole vault, a hurdle race and a baseball game. There is every reason to believe that the meet will prove a big success.

THE MARATHON WINNER.
Toronto, April 20.—Thomas Longboat, who won the Marathon race at Boston, will arrive in Toronto on Tuesday night, and will be given a hearty reception. The committee has made arrangements, which include meeting the train and a procession to the city hall, the presentation of an address and \$500. Charles T. Pugh, who finished sixth, and H. O. Kerr, eighteenth, will each be given a gold medal.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.
DEATH OF FAMOUS PLAYER.
The death is announced at Ottawa from pneumonia of J. B. Allen, the ex-Rugby international three-quarter. The deceased was one of the youngest three-quarters that ever played for Ireland. This distinction he achieved three years ago, when Ireland won the "Triple Crown" for the second time, the young center being then a schoolboy at Campbell College, Belfast. In the following season he played for Ireland on each occasion, when that country defeated England and Scotland, but losing to Wales. In that year he achieved an unbeaten record. In 1902 he played his last international, that against Scotland, and shortly afterwards retired from the game and settled down in Canada. He was always an exceedingly clever and resourceful player, and for one of his comparatively light and diminutive stature, wonderfully light and nimble at the early age of twenty-six will be deeply regretted by his football colleagues, with whom he was a great favorite.

LAWYERS.

MILLIONAIRE CHAMPION.
Jay Gould, Jr., the amateur tennis champion of the United States, has arrived in England, where he will compete in the forthcoming championship. To win this he was defeated in the final last year by Eustace Miles—the height of his ambition.

When he was sixteen he made up his mind to win the tennis championship, and it is likely that he will achieve his object before he is nineteen. Eustace Miles, who defeated Gould in the final, is a well-known tennis professional, and the only one to have defeated him in the United States.

In spite of a recent attack of whooping-cough, Mr. Gould was able to win the American championship at St. Louis, three days before he started on this trip. He showed a boyish disappointment when he was told that Eustace Miles would not compete except in friendly games. He confessed that Mr. Miles was the one opponent of whom he was much afraid, but the match last year was so close a thing that he would have liked to fight it out again.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.
TO REPRESENT ISLAND.
At a meeting of the Vancouver Island Football Association executive held at Oak Bay on Saturday the following team was selected to represent the Island in the match against the Mainland, scheduled to take place at Vancouver on the 11th of May: Goal, A. Hallstrom; Left-back, H. A. Gowan; Right-back, J. McKinley; Left-half, A. Clegg; Right-half, S. Thompson; Victoria United; forwards, T. McMillan, A. Morrison, J. Adams, Lady-smith, B. P. Schwengers and H. Provins, Victoria United.

Four changes have been made in the team which drew with the Mainland at Oak Bay some weeks ago. Hallstrom replaces Whyte in goal. Two new half-backs in the persons of Clegg and Thompson are being trained in the forward line, the only change is that McMillan takes the place of Gilmore.

For the purpose of trying the strength of the team and rendering the players accustomed to each other's methods, it is proposed to have a trial game at Oak Bay on the 4th prox. The Island team will meet an aggregation selected from the next best eleven players in the city. The team selected is a well balanced one and is certain to fight hard for the prestige of the Island.

VICTORY OF Y. M. C. A.
By defeating Lady-smith at Oak Bay

CANADA SLOW IN HEALTH MATTERS

ONE OF THE LIVE ISSUES OF THE DAY TAKES A SECONDARY PLACE IN CANADA.

The multiplicity of investigations being held and commissions appointed to look into telephone grievances, license board matters, railway affairs, and power transmission and control, is evidence that the people are wide awake to public interests. The one thing about which no marked excitement is experienced in Canada, but is attracting like a magnet the attention of many other countries, is the question of the public health. In the United States, England and European countries, this question occupies the same position in the public mind that the public ownership question does in Canada. The question arises, "Why is Canada not more alive to the importance of public health?" One of the most widespread concerns of the day upon matters of public health is the Dr. T. A. Slocum, Limited, who are truly accomplishing a great work in the interests of the vital question. Their remarkable remedy, Psychine, one of the most scientific and valuable remedies ever placed on the market as a disease and germ destroyer, is certainly making for itself a good record. It is being used by the number of people who are giving the most emphatic and honest testimony of what this remedy is doing, not only in breaking up stubborn coughs and colds, but in curing bronchitis, catarrh, in grippe, pneumonia, chills, night sweats, stomach troubles, run-down conditions and consumption. Its mission is to overcome disease germs in the blood, and build up a strong, vigorous body that will be disease-resisting and proof against the attacks of the bacilli that everywhere float in the air.

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on Saturday by a score of 6 to 4 the Y. M. C. A. has assured to Victoria West the championship of the Island. The Wests were leading by two points in the long table, and had Lady-smith won Saturday's game the two teams would have had to meet to decide the championship. The distinction he achieved three years ago, when Ireland won the "Triple Crown" for the second time, the young center being then a schoolboy at Campbell College, Belfast. In the following season he played for Ireland on each occasion, when that country defeated England and Scotland, but losing to Wales. In that year he achieved an unbeaten record. In 1902 he played his last international, that against Scotland, and shortly afterwards retired from the game and settled down in Canada. He was always an exceedingly clever and resourceful player, and for one of his comparatively light and diminutive stature, wonderfully light and nimble at the early age of twenty-six will be deeply regretted by his football colleagues, with whom he was a great favorite.

THE TIDE TABLE.
Victoria, B. C., April, 1907.

Date.	Time High.	Time Low.	Time High.	Time Low.
1.....	4:13 A.M.	11:06 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.
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The height measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the tide gauge at the Victoria wharf is referred. The chart of Victoria harbor are referred to, closely as can now be ascertained.

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 12th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figure for night, serve to distinguish high water from low water.

Ethel Hicks, aged 7, her brother Paul, aged 6, and their 6-months-old baby sister were burned to death in their home at Port Huron, Mich., on Saturday by the explosion of a gasoline stove, which the two older children had attempted to light in the absence of their parents.

SIXTY DOLLARS FOR WIFE.
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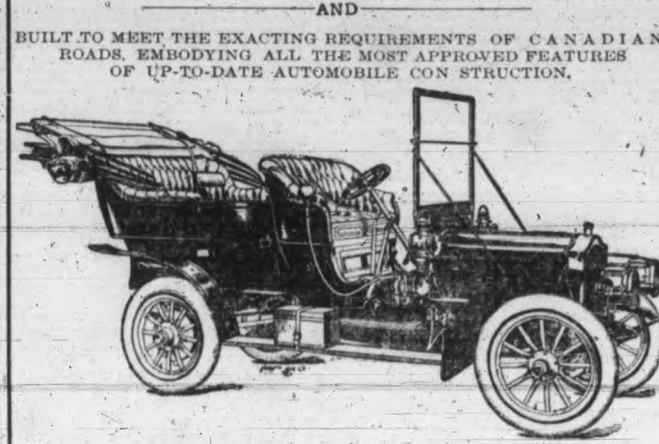
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A SILESIAN BORGIA.

Desire to Obtain Victim's Money Drove Woman to Terrible Crimes.

Frau Ernestine Felge, of Frunau, near Hirschberg, in the Silesian Mountains, has been condemned to death for poisoning a man named Jantschek, and a woman named Bruckner, who lived with her as lodgers in the years 1903 and 1904. She was also charged with poisoning in four other cases, two of her alleged victims being her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, but as these four cases went back seven years, there was some uncertainty as to whether the exhumed bodies showed traces of poison.

Frau Felge has been called the Silesian Lucretia Borgia, and the trial revealed that she had many points in common with the famous Roman poisoner. In all the cases it was the desire to become possessed of her victim's money which drove her to her terrible crimes. As lodgers she always sought out incurable people possessed of means. While they were in her hands she sought to influence them to make their wills in her favor. As soon as they did so she began her poisoning operations.

Police used arsenic in all cases, in this displaying great cunning. The entire countryside in which she lived is arsenic producing, and the graveyard in which her victims were buried was in special degree impregnated with arsenical ores. The medical experts at the trial, therefore, had to decide whether the poison found in the exhumed remains had penetrated the bodies from the earth outside the coffins or whether it had been administered during life.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 2 and 24, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry or inspection must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent.

An application for entry on inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be made in person by the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the application such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An applicant for inspection must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing and not liable to cancellation, must, subject to approval of the Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing a declaration of abandonment.

When entry is summarily cancelled or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applications for inspection must state to what particular the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

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COAL.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Usually at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

QUARTZ.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$5 per annum for an individual, and from \$5 to \$100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,600 ft. square.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with the requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provided for the payment of a royalty of 2 1/2% on the sales.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The leases shall have a dredge in operation within six months of the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of one cent per ton collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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The Mishaps of "Indian Pawaw"

BY WILLIAM WALLACE, JR.

Billy Betts was an only child. That is quite enough to let the reader know that Billy Betts was a boy to be pitied. First, on account of his dotting parents, who petted and spoiled him, and, secondly, on account of his having no sisters or brothers with whom to play and share the spoils of his mother and father. So Billy Betts was often obliged to pass long hours playing alone, for his foolishly fond mother had an idea that her son was just a trifle better than the sons of her neighbors and refused to permit him to go to play with them.

"At school you have quite enough of those rough boys," declared Mamma Betts, speaking to Billy one Saturday when he begged permission to join some of his schoolmates in play. "You have your dogs, your toys, your swing in the back yard and a big yard all to yourself. What more can you ask for?"

So, Billy, pouting, turned away without making any reply to his mother, who knew very little it must be seen about raising a child. Perhaps had he been the mother of several children she might have known more of their needs—or less of them, perhaps, for she was so continually looking after Billy and his wants that she made him peevish and cross at times with her overattention. There was nothing in the house too good or sacred for Billy to have to play with. He was master of the home and ruled at times with a high hand. But all the time neither Billy nor his mother understood each other. While she petted and spoiled him in some respects, she was severe and unrelenting with him in others.

It was the last week of school and Billy was deeply regretting it; not that he was a studious boy, but he had the pleasure of companionship and comradeship there that he was denied at home. During the summer his parents were going to a pretty country place, where Billy was more alone than when in town. So he looked forward to the summer vacation with a sort of dread.

The week before school was out for the summer Billy confided his troubles to his dearest school friend, Paul Grey. That young fellow, so full of wisdom as his namesake, began to make plans for the summer, in which Billy and himself were the principal participants. Like Billy, Paul was an only child, and they were drawn together through common sympathy.

"I'll tell you what we'll do this summer," said Paul, confidentially. "We'll run away."



at such a daring proposition. Run away from his mamma and papa! He shuddered to think what they would do when he should be dare to do such a terrible thing. He shook his head emphatically, saying:

"Oh, we couldn't do that, Paul! We couldn't run away."

"And why not?" asked he, of glorious name. "Neither you nor I are allowed out of our mamma's sight all summer. Now, I want to go fishing, hunting, swimming and a lot of other things that all the other boys do. But the only way I get to fish is in company with papa. When I go to a picnic I go with mamma and have to stay dressed up all day. I don't like it. I want to be like an Indian."

"Oh, that would be great!" cried Billy, the name of Indian making a deep impression on him. "I'm half in the notion to go with you and be an Indian all summer. Where would we run away to?"

"Oh, we'll find plenty of places to run away to," explained Paul. "The main thing is to get the nerve to do it. And if you can get that I can, for I'm born BRAVE, I am." Paul felt his own courage in this confession, and stood up as tall as he could and looked defiant. Not that anything threatened him; but he liked to feel that he was a hero.

Although Billy had never played at being a hero, he did not relish the idea of Billy having more courage of purpose than he himself possessed. So, summoning up all his courage, he said: "Well, I wasn't born a coward, neither. I can run away as fast as anyone when it comes to nerve. I'm willing to be an Indian for the summer, if you are."

It must be confessed that Paul felt slight misgivings when Billy so readily acquiesced to his wild scheme. But now that he had done the planning, it would never do to go back on it, although he had hoped—really felt sure—that Billy would turn pale at the first suggestion of running away, and that he then would have an excuse to plan something more in keeping with their usual mode of living.

"I'll take a butcher knife and my air gun," said Billy, becoming quite enthusiastic. "What weapons will you have?"

"Oh, I'll have two knives—long and sharp—and my bow and arrows," said Paul. "But we'll have to dress in something besides these clothes." And Paul looked down at his natty Norfolk suit of gray tweed.

The following week was a busy one with Paul and Billy. Billy's mother was surprised that her little son kept so close to his room in the evenings and on Saturdays. She did not bother herself to inquire what he was about. She felt that he was going to be a real "home boy" and take the place of a daughter to her. But could she have seen the strange apparel Billy was getting together—and which he kept in a drawer under lock and key—she would have felt that something unusual was in her son's mind. Billy had gone through the storeroom and found an old red flannel shirt that his father had used when on a mountain hunting trip. This Billy appropriated and proceeded to trim with chicken feathers that he got from the cook. At last, the day before vacation began, Billy was duly equipped for the role of Indian.

The next morning bright and early—before his mother was out of bed—Billy, with his weapons and a huge bundle in his arms, crept from the house by way of the back door. It had been arranged that he should meet Paul down by the river in a wild spot, where only occasional fishermen came to angle with hook and line. The runaways had chosen the rendezvous because of an adjacent cave, where in stress of weather they might find shelter. And as it was a fine place for fishing they would not want for food.



Paul was to bring fishing tackle and worms would serve for bait.

Billy reached the place appointed for meeting about half an hour after sun up. He expected to find Paul there waiting for him, but in this he was disappointed. The woods were dark and lonely, the water of the river deep and threatening. But Billy must not be a coward, so he quickly donned himself and donned the Indian garb he had brought. Then, gathering courage every moment, work was better than thinking.

Twenty minutes later Paul appeared, peeping through the bushes. "Ge," he exclaimed, "you do look like a warrior! Then he donned his own Indian attire and got from his pocket some colored chalk, with which they painted their hands and faces.

"Now we are Indians for sure," Paul declared. "No more civilization for me. A life wild and free. Hip-pee!"

"Tipp-ee, tipp-ee!" hooted Billy, feeling for the moment a real Indian.

Then the boys decided they must settle on names fitting their new personality. "I'll be Mohawk," said Paul. "I'll be Pawaw," said Billy. Then they began to ramble about the woods in search of birds. Billy had an air gun and Paul a bow and arrows, so they were well equipped to furnish their own food. They each took many shots that forenoon at birds and squirrels; but not one did they hit. Then, tired out, they were about to retire to their chosen stopping place when Pawaw's foot slipped on the river's wet bank and before he knew what was happening he was taking a very cold bath in water much over his head. Mohawk, though a sturdy brave, stood on the bank crying, "Help! Murder! Fire!" Luckily for Pawaw there was a fallen tree swinging over the water at the very place where he had fallen in, and on rising to the surface after a struggling dip he had presence of mind to catch hold of one of the limbs that swept into the water.

Soon Pawaw was on shore again, straining and coughing, his ears dripping with water as well as his body. He was a sorry-looking brave, and a cold one. "Now if we'd only thought to bring a blanket along you could wrap up till your clothes dried," said Mohawk. "But you'll have to go into your white clothes again for a while."

"If we had some matches we'd have a fire," shivered the wet Pawaw, getting out of his Indian garb as fast as he could. "Ge whiz!" said Mohawk. "We didn't bring any matches, did we? Well, how on earth can we cook our fish and birds? Ge, we're big fools for Indians."

Then, Paul's remark he was born in, carrying his dripping red shirt and fringed leggings (the fancy headress was lost in the river) they proceeded to the

Little Maggie's Party

Dear little Mag a party gave
To a very strange company
Of animals that were wild enough
To fill a menagerie.

A roaring lion with tawny mane
Was sitting on a chair;
A cunning fox with gleaming eyes
Sat beside a big black bear.

A tiger slim and a kangaroo
Occupied one end of the table;
And a zebra, with his many stripes,
Was eating all he was able.

An alligator, with grinning jaws,
Had his eye on a berry pie;
An elephant, with his ivory tusks,
Sat on his trunk nearby.

Two a goodly company to see,
And they stayed till after dark—
Then home they went so merrily,
For they belonged to Neddy Ark.



spot where they had left their clothes. But, to their amazement and horror, some body had evidently been there and stolen their things, for their nice spring suits were nowhere to be found. They had left them hanging on a tree limb within arm's reach.

Both Indians were now much excited. Mohawk shared his clothing as best he could, giving Pawaw the shirt, while he kept the trousers and leggings. But the day's pleasure had vanished. Both boys were hungry and—yes, homesick. Just as they were on the point of holding a powwow to settle on some plan of procedure there came the sound of dogs barking in the woods. "Up a tree, quick!" said Mohawk to Pawaw. "We'll be discovered if we don't hide."

Like a cat Mohawk was up a big tree whose branches, low and close, made the climb easy. Pawaw also went up a tree, but not so easily for the one he chose was smaller and fewer of limbs. But he gained a seat on a spreading limb just as



He lost his balance and fell head long in the midst of the group of men and boys below.

len. While they were covering him with a coat, which one of the men took off for him, the approach of another searching party was heard. Then appeared Billy's and Paul's fathers. Upon their coming Paul, thinking there was now no longer any use to remain hidden, came down the tree, shirtless, his slim body shining white in the sunlight.

Of course, the little adventurers had their clothes returned to them by the searching party, and their fathers led them home. But on the way they came to a better understanding with their respective sons than they had ever had before. They realized the fault of the runaways was not entirely their own, but due largely to the ignorance of the parents.

And that night two foolish, selfish mothers and two over-fond fathers held a council, arriving at the conclusion that their sons should have the same freedom of conduct and choice of playmates that the children belonging to large families had.

Thus, while Pawaw—otherwise Billy—had met with two dangerous mishaps that day, he had been the means of opening the eyes of his parents to the needs of a healthy boy.

When Billy Gets a Bath



Of all the things that Billy hates
It is the big bathtub;
Each evening filled with water warm,
And his mother there to rub.

And rub his skin with soap and suds,
And put upon him nice clean clothes
And plump him into bed.

Of all the things that Billy loves
It is to play out late;
And play around with other kids
Till long time after eight.

Then to his room, just as he is,
To tumble into bed;
With dust of street upon his feet
And a tumbled, unwashed head.

Oh, why will mothers so insist
On washing boys each day?
For on the next they'll dirty get—
So let them dirty stay.

MAUD WALKER



Answer to last week's cut-out puzzle.

Queens of England

Anne of Denmark, queen consort of James I. of the British Isles, was born at Slesburg, Denmark, December 12, 1575. Her father, Frederick II., king of Denmark, was the richest prince of the North of Europe. Her mother, Sophia of Neekenburg, is said to have been a woman possessing a rare character and pronounced domestic virtues. But whatever may have been her charming qualities, she certainly was deficient in the knowledge of rearing children, for Princess Anne—the subject of this sketch—was in her ninth year before she was allowed to learn to walk, being carried about in the arms of her nurses.

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When in her fifteenth year Princess Anne of Denmark became the queen consort of James VI. of Scotland. Fourteen years later her royal husband became King of the British Isles. This Anne was the first queen consort of Great Britain and Ireland.

Her character in some ways was childish and weak, for it is told of her that she had her "spells of silliness and pouting, sometimes lasting for days together, when she was contradicted or her wishes disobeyed." She also had a turbulent temper, causing unpleasant domestic scenes at times, greatly to the King's annoyance. However, barring these faults, Anne was in many ways an admirable woman and a more than fond mother. On the whole she and James got on very lovingly together, and he never gave her a rival. When Queen Anne died, in 1619, the king was almost inconsolable and never in the seven years that he survived her did he once contemplate a second marriage. Anne of Denmark left two surviving children—Charles, Prince of Wales, after the ill-fated King Charles I. of Great Britain and Ireland, and Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia.

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The children who are seen and not heard—must be deaf-mutes.

Papa Sparrow's Lesson

BY ANNIE JAMES

All during the spring Mr. and Mrs. Little Sparrow had been busy. First, there was the building of their nest, and second, there was the quiet sitting on the little eggs by Mrs. Little Sparrow, while Mr. Little Sparrow went every morning, and several times during the day, in quest of food for her, as well as for himself. And occasionally Mrs. Little Sparrow would leave her nest to drink from the pretty creek some hundred feet distant from the tree in which she lived. At the time Mr. Little Sparrow sat on the three tiny eggs and kept them warm while the little wife was absent.

Then had come a day—the proudest one of his life—when Mr. Little Sparrow was papa to three of the dearest baby birds ever hatched. Of course, Mrs. Little Sparrow was proud, too, but she was a mother, like less demonstrative than was her excitable little husband, who chattered about like a very young bird himself, hopping from limb to limb in his rejoicing and at last flying away to tell all the neighbors of the increase in his family. But the neighbors had joy enough in their own little chicks that hatched from the eggs only yesterday. Truth is, I should now be hunting food for them. So I'll just stay long enough to peep at your fledglings; then I must hasten to perform my duty as parent and provider."

"Accept my congratulations," said Mr. Little Sparrow. "It is a proud thing to be a parent. Now, just fly behind me and you shall see a nest of as fine birdies as ever your eye fell upon." So, saying Mr. Little Sparrow flew down through the leafy branches to where his nest was safely sheltered and quite hidden away. As he hovered over his fledglings, his friend, who, each little, seeking opened wide its mouth, shutting its eyes in a most peculiar fashion. Now, had the mother of the hungry little ones been present she would have paid no attention to the begging for food by her children. But Mr. Little Sparrow, not understanding the language of the open mouth, became much frightened. He thought his babies were choking to death, and he began to shriek and hop about in the wildest manner possible. His friend, also strange to the ways of nestlings, was much disturbed by Mr. Little Sparrow's anxiety. He, too, thought the three little birdies were on the point of expiring, joining his wild chirping to that of Mr. Little Sparrow's. He hopped to a treetop bough and began

calling for help by giving utterance to the alarm cry understood by all the birds in the woods.

Now, Mrs. Little Sparrow, finding that her wings needed exercise, decided to fly over a fine pasture where usually she and her husband found the choicest worms and fattest bugs. Thus, when her husband's and his visitor's cries of alarm were sounded she failed to hear a single note. All unconscious of the commotion that was afoot in her own treetop she was flying about, picking first a green spear of grass for sparrows like sawdust, then swallowing a chunk of worm. She had been in the nest so long that a few minutes freedom was most welcome.

After some twenty minutes exercise the good little mother bird, with a great wriggling worm-fat and juicy—held tightly in her bill, went flying to her nest down by the creek. As she neared her home tree she was much surprised to see her husband and his visitor sitting about the widest and most frantic manner, while their cries of alarm filled the woods. Fearing that something terrible had happened to her fledglings Mrs. Little Sparrow flew with all possible speed to her nest, where a crowd of excited neighbors soon followed her, having come in answer to the cry of alarm sent out by Mr. Little Sparrow and his caller.

When Mrs. Little Sparrow dropped onto the edge of her nest she saw a sight that brought joy to her motherly little heart. There were her babies safe and sound, each holding open a mouth so wide that she might have dropped a whole worm into each little throat without the least hesitancy had she been provided with enough to go round. But she had but one worm she carefully nipped off a piece of him into each of the three mouths begging for food. Then the little birdies closed those awful mouths to swallow and say, "Thank you, mamma," and to look very well satisfied.

"Now, tell me, my husband, what all this alarm and excitement is about," said Mrs. Little Sparrow, becoming calm, since no harm had befallen her little ones. "Why this summoning all our neighbors?" "My dear," said Mr. Little Sparrow, feeling a bit crestfallen at having to confess his ignorance. "I saw our babies with their mouths so wide open that I feared they were strangling to death. I did not understand that they were just asking for food. I'm a very ignorant parent, I must own."

"But I was just as much at fault," declared the sparrow who had been calling

at the Little Sparrows' nest. "Although I am a parent—since yesterday—I did not know what made these little things open so wide their mouths. The joke is on Little Sparrow and me," he added, chirping a gay laugh.

And now Mr. Little Sparrow laughed, too, since it turned out that nothing was the matter with his babies three save very large appetites. "Yes," he said gaily, "the joke is on us—particularly on me. And as soon as the meadow is fuller blown and the worms abounding I'll give a picnic to all my friends who will then call it even."

"And it is to be hoped that you have learned a lesson, my dear," said Mrs. Little Sparrow, sitting contentedly on the edge of the nest, her wings shading her little ones who had now fallen asleep, their tiny stomachs having been so recently filled.

"Never too old to learn," dryly affirmed Mr. Little Sparrow, with the air of a sage. Then the assembled sparrows, with jests and laughter, bade farewell to the Little Sparrows and departed to their several nests to tell to the members of their families that had remained at home the good joke on Mr. Little Sparrow, who did not understand the language of his own fledglings.

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CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.)

"You have been quick," said Mary from the mysterious gloom of the cab's interior. "He's gone!" Philip muttered. "Who?" "Mrs. Upottery." "Gone?" "Yes. Came in at about seven. Collected all his skirts and things, and went off in a hansom."

"Where?" "Into London—into heaven knows where. He's evidently suspected us, and he's cleared out. I'd give something to know where he has gone."

"He may have gone to Poplar," said Mary. "Poplar? Why Poplar?" "I told you I'd spent a day or two in following Mrs. Upottery about, didn't I?" Mary answered.

"Of course, I'd forgotten. Well?" "Twice he went to a house in Poplar—No. 7 Cotton street. It's off the High street."

"What sort of a house?" "I don't know. A house."

"I must go there. I mustn't waste a second. I must go there. No—no, you say."

"To-night?" "Instantly."

"But—then I will come with you." "Excuse me, Miss Pollexfen, you must do so much thing. You must go to a hotel—some quiet hotel—Go to the York. No one will recognize you there. Besides, you can keep your veil on."

"And you?—how shall I know—what?" "You will hear from me or see me before nine o'clock to-morrow morning."

"And supposing I don't?" "But you will. I shall not fail to let you hear."

"But supposing I don't?" "Well, then, you had better see Sir Anthony Dirding, and tell him everything. He's the best friend I have."

"What? Tony a friend of yours?" He perceived at once from her tone that her appreciation of Tony was neither more or less serious than it ought to be. And he was glad. Because

the mere fact that Tony had enjoyed her acquaintance had given rise to a certain ridiculous jealousy in his heart. He nodded, smiling. "Now, it is clearly understood," he said, "you go to the York hotel, and you stay there."

"As you wish," she answered. "It's impossible for me to thank you sufficiently for all you are doing."

"No. 7 Cotton street, eh—off Poplar High street?" She nodded. He instructed the driver to go to the York hotel, gave Mary one glance, raised his hat, and hurried off in search of another cab.

CHAPTER XVIII. The Platter. Monday was destined to be a day of cumulative surprises for Sir Anthony Dirding. He rose early, in an expectant and nervous condition, and he was consuming grape-nuts in his chamber, under the relentless gaze of Oxwich, before the morning's post, which is always rather later on Mondays than on other days, had passed through the various sorting process of the Devonshire mansion and reached his room. When it did come the shocks began. In the first place he had latterly seen nothing of Philip, and a great deal too much of Josephine Fire, and he had sent a messenger to Philip at the Corner House on Sunday night, the messenger having proved useless. The messenger had not found Philip; and had left a note requesting Philip to write to Sir Anthony by the midnight post, without fail, making an appointment for Monday.

Tony, like all the rest of London, was in a fever of curiosity concerning the latest developments of the Pollexfen affair, and he felt that Philip had unjustly neglected him. He had a million questions to put to Philip; and quite seventy and seven theories to suggest, and he was relying absolutely on receiving some word with his Monday's grape-nuts. But there was no letter from Philip in the little pile; there was not even a post card. There was a bill for a notice from the Serpentine Swimming Club, an invitation to a galanty-show at the Grafton Gallery, and another for a lecture on Socrates at the Hotel Majestic, a note from Josephine Fire, an appointment, an emotional epistle from his tailors saying they would need all the help he could give them in the delicate matter of fitting a dress suit recently ordered, and a sisterly letter from his sister, Mrs. Appleby.

On reading the last he interrupted the feast to explain to Oxwich. "Mrs. Appleby is coming to lunch," he murmured in a voice of manly resignation.

"Certainly, sir. But this is your Turkish bath day."

"I must leave that till to-morrow."

"Certainly, sir. But to-morrow there is your banjo lesson, the dress suit to try on, and the new chauffeur to choose."

Tony stroked a wayward fragment of grape-nut from the lapel of his olive silk dressing-gown.

"Oxwich," he said, with an air of momentous decision, "I sha'n't be able to have my Turkish bath this week; that's the plain English of it."

"I fear so, sir."

"My nephew is coming for lunch, too," said Tony apologetically.

"Master Horace, sir?" Oxwich was obviously pained.

"Well, I haven't got forty nephews. Yes, Master Horace."

"Perhaps I had better look up the cigarettes, sir."

"Yes. Now about lunch."

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"Go and see, Oxwich," Tony ordered. And the Grand Vizier departed to indicate to the visitor the extent of the visitor's absurdity in wishing to see Sir Anthony at a quarter to nine in the morning.

Sir Anthony addressed himself to the newly invented descriptive advertisements in the Times newspaper, which at that period were enjoying a greater success in clubs and mansions than anything since the lamented death of De Blowitz.

Oxwich returned almost immediately. "It's a man with a silver salver, Sir Anthony."

"What do I want with a silver salver?"

"It isn't exactly silver, sir; I should say it's Britannia-ware."

"And if it is?"

"There's some writing scratched on it, and he says it's for you, and he isn't going to give it to nobody but you, as he says, sir." Oxwich's imitations of popular dialect were apt to be somewhat stiff.

"Who is the man?"

"He's a waterman, Sir Anthony. Something to do with the Thames, I believe."

"Devilish odd, isn't it?"

"I should venture respectfully to advise you to see him, sir," Oxwich coughed.

The man was brought into the presence.

He was a fat person. His blue suit and silver buttons could have shown to the expert that he was in the employ of the state—outdoor section of the customs department; and his easy demeanor sufficed to prove that he was a freeman of the Waterman's Company. He carried under his arm, in perfectly enveloping a portion of the "Pink Un," a salver, or platter, of some metal resembling silver.

"Morning, sir," he said, gently swinging his hat. "I found this in my boat this morning. I come up here at once, all the way from Poplar, and it'll cost me half a day's work beside train fare and cab fare, three and a penny, sir. I found it at half-past seven—tide, at half-ebb."

And he handed the salver to Tony.

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The salver was bent across the middle. Tony turned it round, and gradually deciphered the following words, which had been faintly scratched on it, partly in Roman letters and partly in script, by means of some sharp instrument.

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He possibly objected to being Tony's man, or Oxwich's person, and saw in the terms an insult to the honorable company to which he belonged. At any rate, he replied distantly:

"Don't ask me, sir."

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"And where was your boat?"

"My boat was lying off Green's wharf, Poplar, sir."

"Had it been there long?"

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and 7.30 this morning?"

"You may reckon it out like that, sir."

"You've no idea who put it in?"

"No more than you, sir, or 'Im.' And the waterman jerked his head toward Oxwich.

"It might have been dropped in from the wharf, eh?"

"Or from a passing ship," Oxwich whispered.

The waterman smiled.

"Could it have been dropped in from a passing ship?" asked Tony.

"What! Into a boat tied up to a wharf? You ain't got to think as a ship is a blessed hansom cab as goes about grazing lamp-posts and corners. No! There was, however, a ship a-lying off the wharf, and my boat was alongside of her, between her and the wharf, sir."

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